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SUBJECT: JOHNSON/SEMENOV PRIVATE MEETING FEB 5 (SALT TWO-895)

1. AT MY MEETING WITH SEMENOV THIS AFTERNOON, HE SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO PRESENT AT TOMORROW'S MEETING A SLIGHT REVISION OF OUR PROPOSAL ON HEAVY ICBM DEFINITION, IN SUBSTANCE READING THAT THE DELIMINATION "BE MADE BOTH BY THE LAUNCHING WEIGHT AND THE THROW WEIGHT OF MISSILES." I SAID THAT MY PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT THIS DIFFERED SUBSTANTIALLY FROM OUR PROPOSAL FOR "HEAVIEST LAUNCHING WEIGHT OR THROW WEIGHT," AND WE COULD NOT CONSIDER IT AS A SUBSTANTIVE ACCEPTANCE TO OUR PROPOSAL. HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANY DIFFERENCE AND WOULD SEND THE TEXT OVER TO ME THIS EVENING, SO THAT I COULD BE PREPARED TO REACT TO IT AT TOMORROW'S MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO MY PRESENTATION ON IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO CEILING ON HEAVY MISSILES, HE SAID THAT IT WAS "HIS PERSONAL VIEW" THAT THIS WOULD NOT PRESENT ANY PROBLEMS IF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WAS ARRIVED AT ON ENLARGEMENT OF SILO DIMENSIONS AND HEAVY MISSILE DEFINITIONS. HE AGAIN NEEDLED ME ON ARTICLE XVII.

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2. I SAID IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION TOMORROW I WANTED TO

DISCUSS WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF "DEVICES WHICH CAN BE USED
FOR" VERSUS "LAUNCHERS OF" IN PARAS 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE II.
IN REPLY TO MY INFORMING HIM THAT I WAS GOING TO TABLE A
THROW WEIGHT DEFINITION AT TOMORROW'S MEETING AND INVITE HIM
TO TABLE A LAUNCH WEIGHT DEFINITION, HE SAID THAT "BLUE IS
BLUE AND THERE IS NO WAY OF DEFINING IT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT
IT IS BLUE." JOHNSON

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